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DAHLIAS

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1934



**LAUREL
DAHLIA GARDENS**

VISITORS WELCOME



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319 TALBOTT AVENUE

LAUREL, MARYLAND

We offer this our 1934 price list which of necessity must carry only our new introductions and our last years successes. The terrible storm of August 23rd, caused us to loose most all of our dahlias and forces us to introduce two very fine dahlias without having been able to show them as we have done in the past.

We were able to show only three blooms in one show and those from plants that had been torn to pieces a month previous. On these we won a first prize for the best undisseminated Formal Decorative Seedling, our only entry of the season.

Due to our inability to show our new introductions in open competition, we are striving to picture them here in such a way that their size and formation can be visualized and we assure you that both will be very valuable additions to your planting list.

GUARANTEE, TERMS AND DELIVERY

All of our stock, both roots and plants, are guaranteed to be healthy and true to name and we guarantee satisfaction to the extent of replacement with the same variety or an equal amount from the next seasons list. Safe delivery is guaranteed.

Root orders will be filled from stock that is naturally grown and that has not been forced.

Plant orders delivered direct from our gardens will be shipped from four inch pots and we know from past experience that these plants will reach you in perfect condition. We do not ship plants in closed cartons, but pack them carefully in open boxes and regardless of the distance, the report is always the same, that they arrived in perfect condition.

NOTICE ON GREEN PLANT ORDERS. No plants will be shipped C. O. D. 25c must be included on all plant orders to cover the cost of special packing and special delivery.

NO STOCK WILL BE SHIPPED UNTIL FULLY PAID FOR. Past experience forces us to make this rule.

No exchange can be made as these dahlias are not our own property.

We will be glad to furnish any information regarding the growing or showing of dahlias when a stamped envelope accompanies the request.

If you have any friends that you think will appreciate our list, please forward the names and they will receive the same by return mail.

JOIN THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY. The cost is only \$2.00 per year and should be sent to Mr. C. Louis Alling, 251 Court St., West Haven, Conn.

The new Bulletin of the society is a work of art and is worth many times the cost of membership. Join now and receive the valuable information contained in the bulletin before next year's planting time.



ELISSA LANDI
CORDES - - - EASTMAN
HONOR ROLL

This beautiful new dahlia has been named for the well-known English Moving Picture actress. This dahlia, like Miss Landi, presents a certain regal beauty that commands immediate recognition.

A formal Decorative which grows naturally 9x6. The flower opens back so as to form almost a perfect ball. A solid color of brilliant coral. A prolific bloomer with a long strong stem. The plant growth is perfect and insect proof. This dahlia is a marvelous keeper and we know of no dahlia that will beat it in its class.

We were unable to show this great dahlia during the past season except at Camden, N. J., and with only three blooms, we won for the best Formal Decorative seedling in a strong field. It has also made the Honor Roll and was so well liked by both Miss Landi and the Universal Studio, that the studio has made pictures of Miss Landi, with her arms full of the blooms and will use these pictures in advertising her latest picture, "By Candlelight." We are most proud of this honor and feel sure that this most gracious lady will enjoy the success that this flower, which has been named for her, will achieve.

Root \$10.00

Plant \$5.00



LOUISE BATES
CORDES - - - EASTMAN
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The most spectacular dahlia we have ever seen. Massive in size. A most prolific bloomer. Excellent plant and the finest of stems. We saw this dahlia at the trial grounds at Storr's Conn. and counted some twelve to fifteen flowers that measured from 7 to 10 inches on a single plant that had never been disbudded.

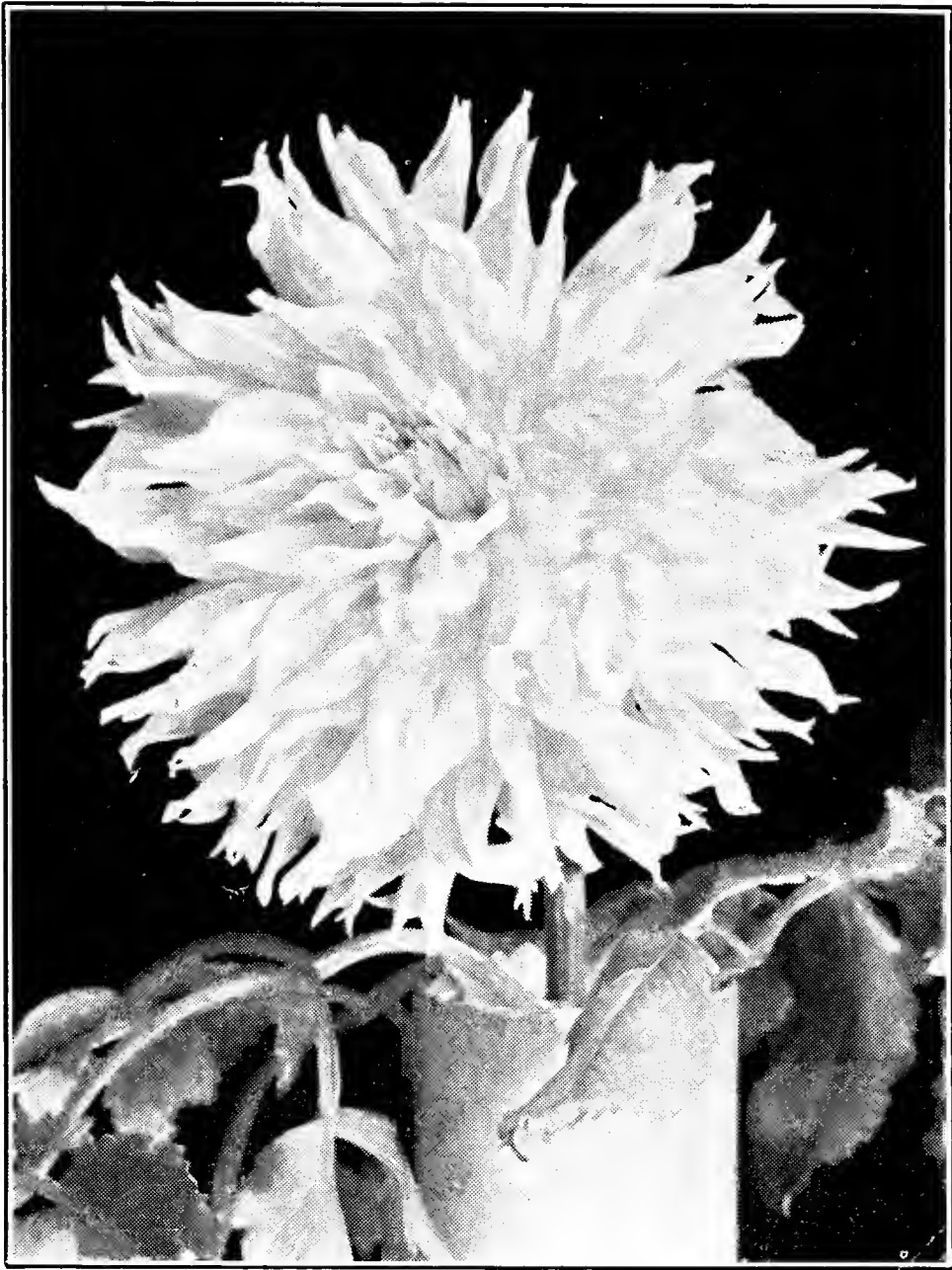
A Semi-Cactus of Mallow pink with a dark phlox purple center. A Certificate of Merit dahlia that has been grown in Indiana, Canada and Connecticut. Shown at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the dahlia show it created a sensation because of its unusual formation and size. The report from Canada, is "a second Earhart." Storr's, Conn. A Certificate of Merit.

We have had this dahlia 15 inches and over with only the normal disbudding and without forcing. It is insect proof and needs no special feeding. Like Landi, this dahlia would have won in any show had we been able to save our plants through the terrible storm of August 23rd.

If you are looking for a monster, this is the dahlia. You will never have an open center. We know of no dahlia that will be able to cause this one to extend itself on the show table. Stock is very scarce and we advise that you place an early order.

Root \$10.00

Plant \$5.00



AMELIA EARHART

CORDES - - - EASTMAN

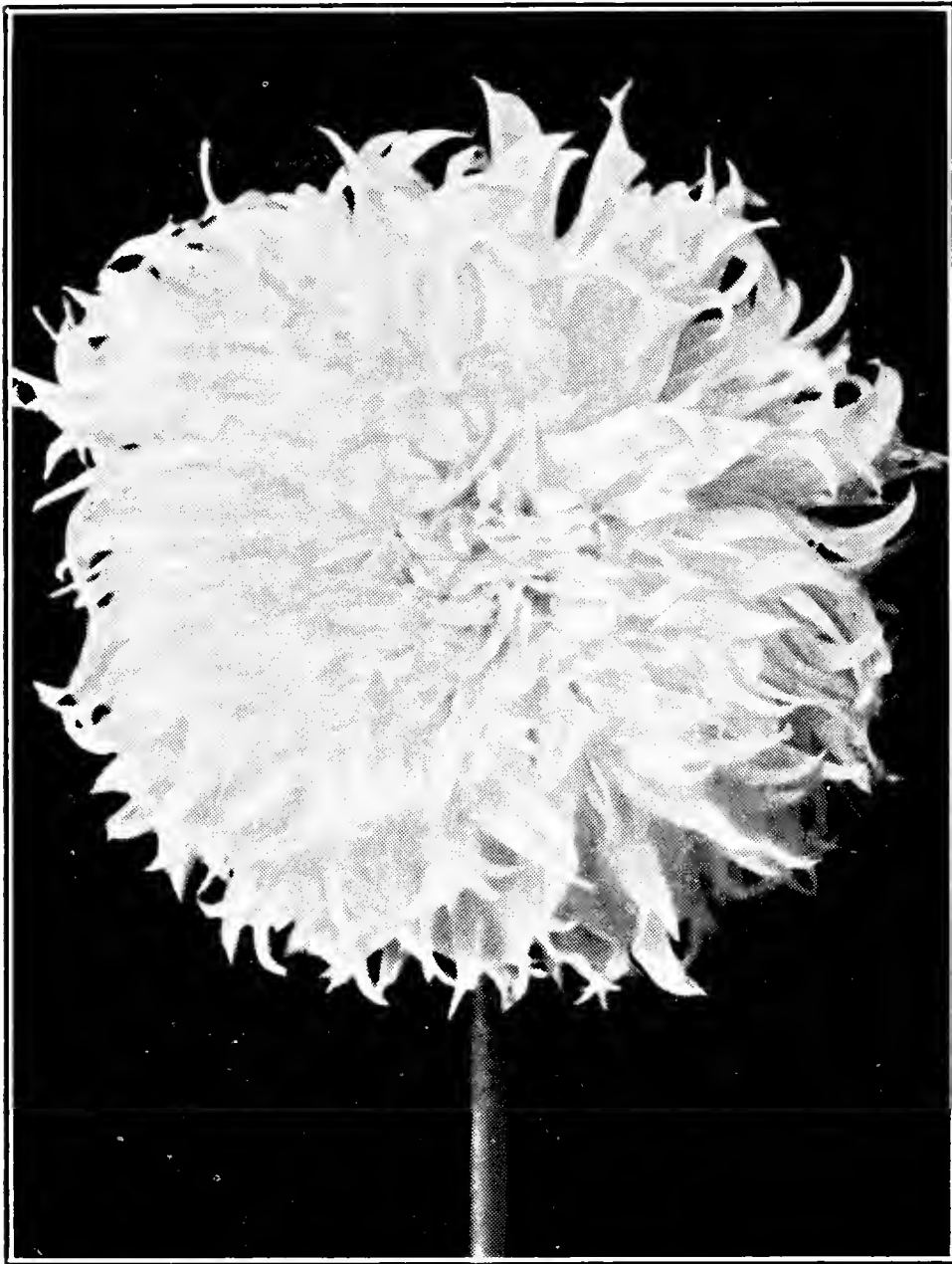
This 1933 introduction was the greatest prize winning seedling dahlia of all time. An Honor Roll dahlia that met and defeated them all. A Semi-Cactus of Coral. Flowers 13x8. Perfect stems and perfect plant growth.

This great dahlia has gone on this year in spite of the terrible storms that ruined so many gardens and we have a few show reports that show that it has won at New York, Cleveland, Indianapolis, The World's Fair and other shows. Most every winning was for the largest and best dahlia in the show.

Good stock of this wonderful dahlia will be very scarce this year and we fear that the storms may have hurt some stock materially. Our own stock is very limited, but we know of no finer dahlia and advise a very early order.

Root \$10.00

Plant \$5.00



LA FIESTA

CORDES - - - EASTMAN

This great Honor Roll dahlia that we introduced last year was overlooked by many. We have some very wonderful reports about it and again we advise that you secure this one, this year.

The flower is huge, 11x8 and the form is like a great Chrysanthemum. The color is butter yellow penciled red. Very lacy petals that curl and twist. We know of no dahlia that has so fine a formation.

The winnings of this dahlia were not so impressive as were those of Earhart, but in all classes that it was entered it met the strongest kind of opposition and came away with flying colors.

From reports that have been received, we expect the demand to take our entire stock, so we advise an early order.

Root \$7.50

Plant \$3.75

DAHLIA SEED

Again we offer dahlia seed grown by Mr. Cordes in California. Regardless of price, no better seed will be found. This is the same seed that has produced Amelia Earhart, La Fiesta, Elissa Landi, Louise Bates and many others in the past and dahlias you will buy in the future. We do not plant one grade of seed and sell another. This seed is sold with the hope that you will get just as good dahlias as these and your chances are the same as ours.

Cordes seed produces fully 80% double flowers. It is selected from the newest and best varieties. Germination is almost 100%. One hundred of these seeds will give you a dahlia garden from which hundreds of flowers may be cut, all of which will be equal to many that have been introduced at high prices and you always stand the chance of securing a world beater that will be your very own.

If you have lost heavily in the severe storms of the past season, you can have your dahlias at a very moderate cost. If you have never grown seed, try some this year. Many of the largest growers are growing this seed. What better recommendation can it have? Cheap seed will only produce cheap dahlias. It is better to grow 50 good seeds than 1000 poor ones for you will have more fine flowers with much less labor.

Our seed customers are increasing each year. We have never received a single complaint. We have many letters telling of the wonderful flowers that have been grown and about the winnings of these seedlings in the shows. Our seed produces almost every color in the dahlia world and we consider that the results are far better if the mixed seed is grown.

Our own personal experience has been that the mixed seed has given us most of our best dahlias and we have little desire to plant seed selected from known seed parents. Try some seed this season and realize the greatest thrill of growing dahlias. All seed orders are sold at a NET price.

20 Seed.....	\$ 1.00
100 Seed.....	\$ 5.00
1000 Seed.....	\$40.00

THE LAUREL DAHLIA GARDENS

wish to thank you for your past favors. We are located just one half block off the Baltimore, Washington boulevard, at Laurel, Maryland. Our gardens are open to the public and we suggest that you come and see our dahlias while they are in bloom.

If you have any dahlia problems, we will be glad to try and help you.

Dahlia plants may be had at any time after April 30th.

Cut flowers from our finest are sold during the entire blooming season.

Our telephone number is Laurel, Md. 79-J.